

REPORTING THE STATE OF AN  
APPARATUS TO A REMOTE COMPUTER

Abstract

5           The state of an apparatus is reported to a remote  
computer using an embedded device in the apparatus. The  
embedded device detects the state, generates a message that  
reports the state using a self-describing computer  
language, and sends the message to the remote computer.  
10       The remote computer receives the message and extracts the  
state of the embedded device from the message.

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